1 HON. DIANE WAYNE, Ret. JAMS 707 Wilshire Blvd. 2011 JUN +3 PM 2 46th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90017 Tel: 213-620-1133 Fax: 213-620-0100 3 4 5 6 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 7 CENTRAL DISTRICT 8 9 OMAR RODRIGUEZ; CINDY 10 **GUILLEN-GOMEZ; STEVE** § § § 11 KARAGIOSIAN; ELFEGO CASE NO.: BC 414 602 RODRIGUEZ; AND JAMAL 12 CHILDS, Assigned to: Hon. Joanne B. O'Donnell 13 88888 14 Plaintiffs, Jo CASTO JAMS Reference No. 1220040470 15 Hon. Diane Wayne (Ret.), v. 16 Discovery Referee **BURBANK POLICE** 17 § § 10th Report & Recommendation of DEPARTMENT; CITY OF 18 BURBANK, the Discovery Referee 19 Defendants. 20 21 22 23 10th Report of the Discovery Referee 24 25 I. **Procedural History** 26 An in camera hearing was held on June 6, 2011 at the Los Angeles branch 27 of JAMS, located at 707 Wilshire Blvd., 46th Floor, Los Angeles, California, 28 90017 (the "Hearing"). The Plaintiffs Cindy Guilen-Gomez and Steve Karagiosian (collectively, the "Plaintiffs") were represented by LAW OFFICES OF

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RHEUBAN & GRESEN and Solomon E. Gresen, Esq. The Defendants Burbank Police Department and the City of Burbank (collectively, the "Defendants") were represented by MITCHELL SILBERBERG & KNUPP, LLP and Lawrence A. Michaels, Esq.

II. Legal History

The Plaintiffs, two current police officers of the Burbank Police Department, filed a Complaint on May 28, 2009. The Complaint alleged that over a period of years the Plaintiffs were discriminated against, variously, based on their race, sex, pregnancy and/or ethnicity. The Complaint also alleged that the Plaintiff's were retaliated against for opposing such alleged discrimination and harassment. The Plaintiff's assert that they suffered adverse employment decisions including: imposition of discipline, demotion, failure to obtain promotions, and failure to obtain specific work assignments. The Defendants deny all allegations.

On October 2, 2009, in Department 37, the Honorable Judge Joanne B. O'Donnell, Judge of the Superior Court, appointed Diane Wayne, Judge (Ret.), as the Discovery Referee pursuant to *Civil Code of Procedure §§ 639(a)(5), 640* and 645.1. All discovery disputes have been assigned to the Discovery Referee.

III. Recommendation:

At the hearing, the following Motions were considered:

1. The Plaintiffs' *Pitchess* Motion For Peace Officer Records And Information -- As It Applies To Plaintiff Steve Karagiosian Only

This Motion seeks an order compelling the Defendants to produce documents responsive to nineteen enumerated categories, not including sub-parts, related to the Plaintiffs and other peace officers as well as various investigations and complaints.

At the in camera hearing, the Defendants produced a number of documents 1 requested by Plaintiff Karagiosian (the "Documents"), including a redacted version 2 of her personnel file. 3 The Defendants have agreed to produce the following documents without 4 redactions: Karagiosian Human Resources File, Karagiosian Personnel File, 5 Karagiosian Training Records and Karagiosian Comment Cards. 6 Karagiosian Police Department File has some redactions but an in camera 7 review determined that they are not discoverable. 8 The Irma Rodriquez Memo will be produced with redactions that reflect an 9 attorney/client communication. The remainder will be produced pursuant to a 10 protective order. 11 After an in camera review the Sergio Bent Report shall be produced with 12 some redactions that are not discoverable. However Defendants are order to 13 remove the redactions to Page 6 Paragraph 2; page 9 Paragraphs 5, 7 and 8; Page 14 35 Paragraph 2. 15 16 IT IS SO RECOMMENDED. 17 18 19 Date: June 10, 2011 20 Hon. Diane Wayne (Ret. Discovery Referee 21 **ORDER** 22 All matters set forth in the above report of Referee having been considered; the 23 Court hereby approves and adopts said Report as the decision of the court, 24 including the findings and recommendations therein. 25 26 27 Date: June _____, 2011 28 Hon. Joanne B. O'Donnell, Judge Rodriguez, Omar, et al. vs Burbank Police Department, et al. - 1220040470

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I, Christina Dobszewicz, not a party to the within action, hereby declare that on June 10, 2011 I served the attached 10TH REPORT & RECOMMENDATION OF THE DISCOVERY REFEREE on the parties in the within action by Email and by depositing true copies thereof enclosed in sealed envelopes with postage thereon fully prepaid, in the United States Mail, at Los Angeles, CALIFORNIA, addressed as follows:

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I declare under penalty of perjury the foregoing to be true and correct. Executed at Los Angeles,

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